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## REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Attorney Docket: 381NP/42160C2IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Box PATENT APPLICATION  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a X continuation or \_\_\_\_\_  
 divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior  
 application:

Serial No. 09/286,323  
 Filed on April 5, 1999  
 Of Soshiro KUZUNUKI, Toshifumi ARAI, Tadaaki  
KITAMURA and Hiroshi SHOJIMA  
 Entitled: INFORMATION PROCESSING EQUIPMENT  
 Examiner: B. Huynh  
 Group: 2773

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior  
 application as originally filed.  
Total pages 89 pages, 32 Sheets of Drawings showing  
Figs. 1-37(b)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith  
 consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ sheet(s), depicting Figures \_\_\_\_\_.
- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. X Copy from prior application
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ Deletion of Inventors - signed statement  
 attached deleting inventor(s) named in the  
 prior application
- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from  
 which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied  
 under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the  
 disclosure of the accompanying application and is  
 hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- X 5. Cancel original claims 21-40.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Small entity status:
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Is no longer claimed

  X   7. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS  
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

|   |         |          |
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| Basic Fee   | \$355   | \$710    |
| Total Claims <u>  20  </u> - 20 = _____ x 9 = \$_____ 18 = \$ <u>710.00</u> |         |          |
| Ind. Claims <u>  3  </u> - 3 = _____ x 40 = \$_____ 80 = \$_____            |         |          |
| _____ Multiple Dependent Claims + 135 = \$_____ 270 = \$_____               |         |          |
| Total   | \$_____ | \$710.00 |

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 381NP/42160C2) in the amount of \$710.00.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X   10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/42160C2).
- X   11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/286,323, filed April 5, 1999.--
- X   12. Priority of Appln. No. 6-153636, filed in Japan on July 5, 1994, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- X   13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 08/498,232 on July 5, 1995.
- X   14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd..
- X   15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.


- X   a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X   d. Address all future correspondence to:

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P.O. Box 14300  
Washington, DC 20044-4300

16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X   18. Return Receipt Postcard.
19. Other:

Respectfully submitted,

May 30, 2001

  
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